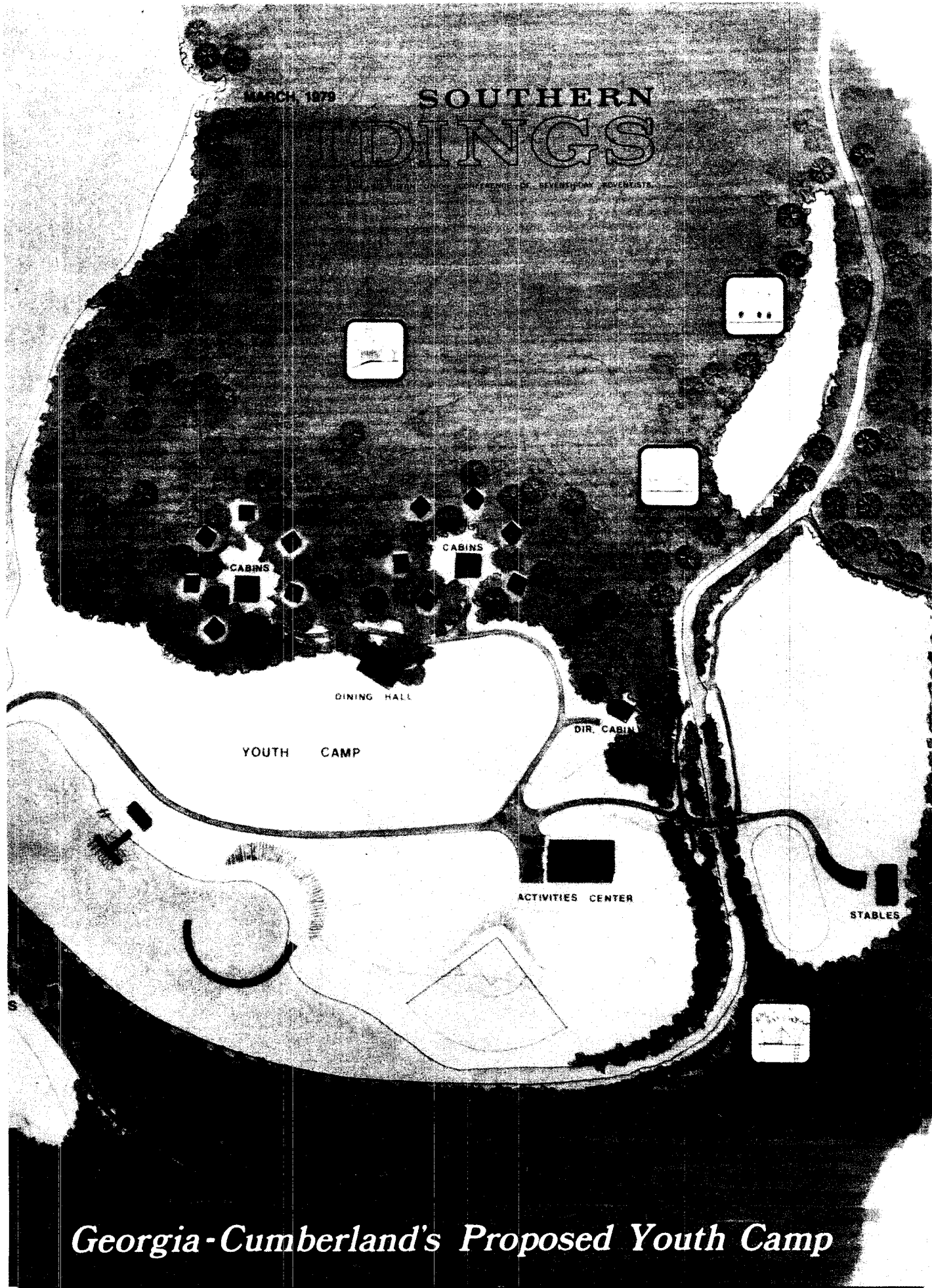


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Georgia-Cumberland's Proposed Youth Camp

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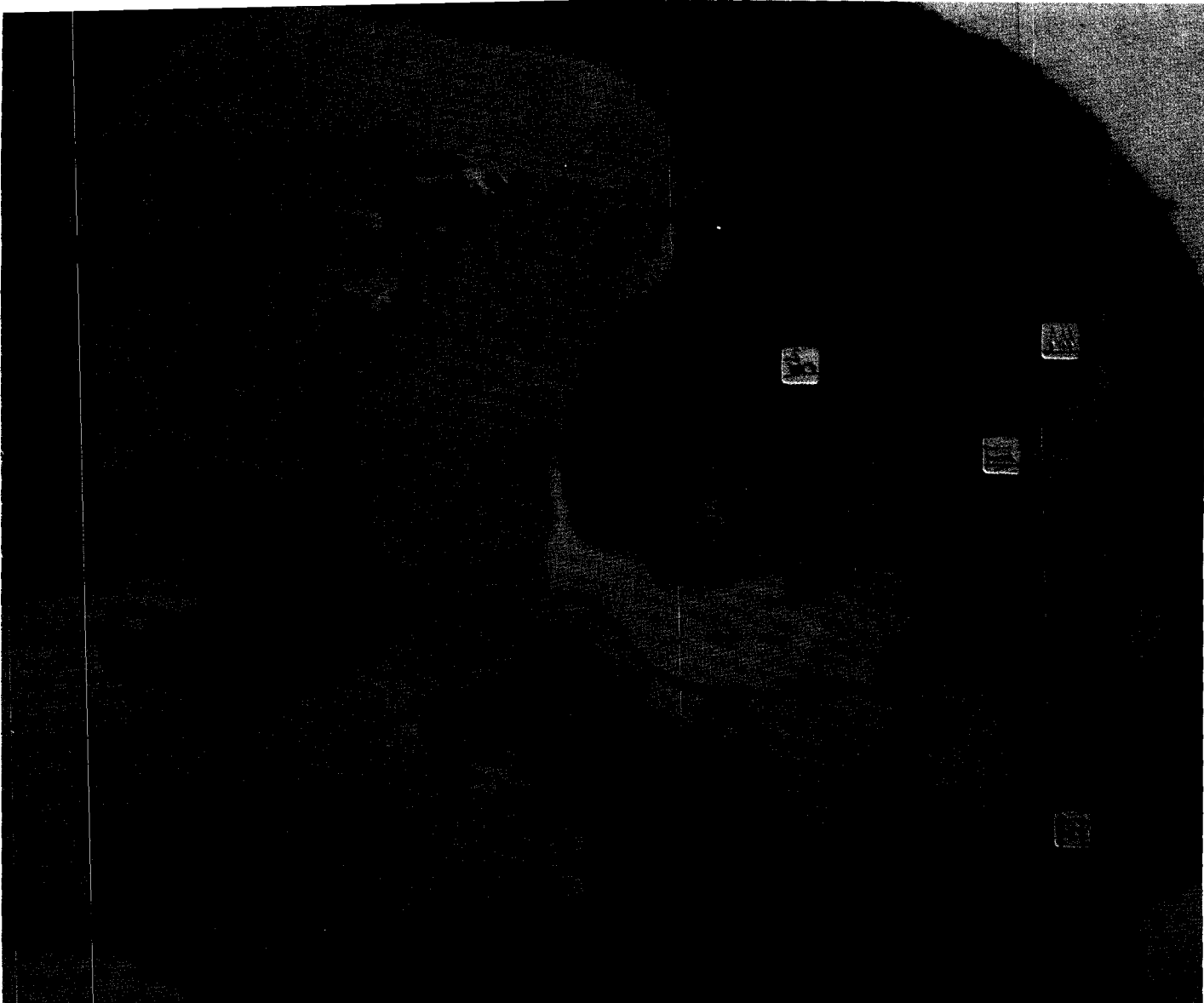
- Space for 150 campers in rustic cabins.
- Gymnasium, dining facilities, and playing fields.
- Protected swimming and canoeing area.
- Water skiing on 50-acre lake.
- Outpost camping and wilderness areas.
- Summer camp experiences for juniors, teenagers, underprivileged, and blind youth.
- Camping areas for Pathfinder Clubs, Outdoor and Wilderness Living Clubs, and Church groups.
- Reading, Math, and Environmental Study Camps sponsored by the Education Department.

Spiritual Growth Center

- A peaceful, natural environment.
- Convention Facilities with accommodations for up to 400 people.
 - Church Officers' Conventions.
 - Ministerial Meetings.
 - Teacher Conventions.
 - University Extension Schools.
 - Seminars in Family Life, Marriage Enrichment, Parent-Teen Relationships.
 - Doctrinal Study Groups.

Proposed Health Conditioning Center

- "Live-in" accommodations for 40 guests.
- A pleasant Christian environment in a country setting.
- Emphasis on Health Education and lifestyle change.
- A full-time staff of health professionals.
- Programs designed to alleviate chronic conditions, including heart disease, hypertension, obesity, diabetes, stress, alcohol and tobacco problems.
- A training center for students in Health professional programs.
- Financially self-supporting.



by F. Clifford Port

The hills and valleys surrounding Cohutta Springs in northwestern Georgia echoed with happy voices at the turn of the century as visitors to the resort and health spa hiked mountain trails, drank from the renowned mineral springs, and whiled away the evening hours singing and socializing. Round-trip tickets from Dalton on the Western and Atlantic Railroad cost only 50 cents, making the Springs a popular weekend destination for young and old alike.

The resort complex included a shoe repair shop, doctor's office, and farmers' market. But the coming of the automobile brought inevitable changes, and the old resort faded into obscurity.

A new chapter in the Cohutta Springs Story began on April 30, 1978. Four hundred and thirty-six delegates to a Georgia-Cumberland Conference constituency meeting met on the property and voted overwhelmingly to purchase 580 acres for the relocation of the Conference Youth Camp and the development of a Spiritual Growth Center. Groundbreaking is scheduled for April 29.

"In the past we have concentrated on strengthening the Church through public evangelism and developing a

strong program of Christian education," states Conference President Desmond Cummings. "We believe it is time to give greater emphasis to the edification of the Church body. This new Center will provide a peaceful, God-centered environment and comfortable facilities for our people to restudy the mission of Seventh-day Adventists in a changing world."

In addition to the Youth Camp and Spiritual Growth Center, provisions will be made for recreational vehicle parking and family camping. The 50-acre lake will provide opportunities for water sports, and 6,000 acres of National Forest are accessible for hiking and nature study.

The Cohutta Mountains will again witness an influx of happy people into the valleys around the old resort. The youth will come to collect the unforgettable memories of summer camp. Their parents will come for recreation and reflection, to learn and share the experiences of growing Christians. Groups will come to study, and linger to pray. In the stillness of the mountains and surrounded by natural beauty, we shall seek, and find, a closer walk with our Creator.

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TEHRAN, IRAN — — —

The Baha'i faith has received a heavy blow of persecution during the current upheavals in Iran. The Baha'i faith has roots in Islam. Its founder was exiled from his native Iran in 1853, but the hundreds of thousands of Iranians who embrace the Baha'i faith constitute the largest religious minority there. Burning and looting of Baha'i-owned homes and businesses has been reported in several Iranian cities. Because the Islamic majority of Iran regards the Baha'i faith as a heretical sect of Islam, Baha'is receive no legal recognition for their religion. Some Jews feel that the Jewish community's 2,500-year existence in Iran is also seriously imperiled. During the recent troubled weeks anti-Jewish threats have abounded. About 80,000 Jews live in Iran.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH — — —

Statistics for the past five years show an astounding growth of world membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. A report by *Mormon Church News* reveals that membership increased by 26 per cent from 1973 to 1978, growing from 3.3 million to 4.1 million. Mormon President Spencer Kimball says he hopes for even greater expansion.

UNITED STATES — — —

A National Federation for Decency report on programming on the three major television networks indicates that 88 per cent of all sex shown was depicted outside marriage. The report on this year's programming also shows that in beverage consumption, alcohol was used more than 10 times more frequently than the next favored beverage—coffee. According to the research findings, ABC was the top programmer of sex, while CBS was the top network for profanity. The National Federation for Decency is a Christian group headed by Donald Wildmon.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK — — —

After years of condensing best-selling books, the *Reader's Digest* has turned to the Bible. They plan to condense the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. In the process, they'll cut the Old Testament in half and trim about a fourth of the New Testament. In a job that may take up to five years, *Reader's Digest* hopes to come up with a single-volume Bible of about 720 pages.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — — —

The decline in value of the American dollar hurt the international Seventh-day Adventist Church last year. According to Treasurer Kenneth Emmerson, because of the fall of the dollar during 1978, an additional \$9 million were needed to maintain the church's world program.

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY — — —

In a typical week in 1978, four in 10 adults attended church or synagogue. That rate of attendance has remained virtually unchanged over the past several years, although there has been a gradual decline in attendance since 1955. Since 1955, when the annual Gallup surveys of church attendance were started, the weekly averages have declined from about 50 per cent to about 40 per cent. Analysis of the 1978 Gallup figures on church attendance shows worship attendance higher among Roman Catholics than Protestants. Also, women are more likely to be weekly church-goers than men. And of both sexes, adults under 30 were less likely to attend church than those 30 or over.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE — — —

A national survey by the interdenominational Christian Bible Society shows that 98 per cent of all U.S. homes have at least one Bible. And some 30 per cent of all families said they had at least one member engaged in regular Bible study. However, according to the survey, over 50 per cent of Roman Catholics and Jews, and 25 per cent of Protestants don't read the Bible at all.



Ron Holland



Dan Mayfield and Suzanne Whitley

Handicapped on Campus

by Debra Gainer

Photography by Steve Carlton

met her at 11:00 a.m. in the women's dorm lobby. I had left a note on her door the night before asking if 11:00 was a good time and she had returned a note to my door replying in the affirmative. Now she sat in front of me, wearing glasses, curly hair and a smile, looking at me questioningly. Her name is Suzanne Whitley, and she has been deaf from birth.

I turned to her interpreter, Dan, and said, "Hi, Suzanne. I'm Debra." A quick flash of her hands and she had returned the hello. We settled down to talk, with Dan as the communicating link between us. I discovered that Suzanne is from Louisville, Tennessee, and she is attending Southern Missionary College because she wants a Seventh-day Adventist education. After attending high school at the Tennessee School for the Deaf, Suzanne found SMC, with its dearth of facilities for handicapped, to be a new experience—but a good one. Some of her friends have learned to speak her language, and some she communicates with by writing. Millie Runyan, women's dean, says that some of her most treasured conversations have been on a note pad between her and Suzanne.

Suzanne's hand language is AMESLAN, or American Sign Language. It is an abbreviated form of regular spelled-out sign language, "a short cut," she says. It uses more body expressions and allows more emphasis on particular words. I could tell. As I watched her animated hands and face, her action often punctuated by laughter, I felt I could almost understand what she was saying. She once remarked to Mrs. Runyan on the constant use of her hands, "I tire using my hands, like other people tire of using their voice too much."

Suzanne is the first deaf person to attend SMC. She fits in well. She attends regular classes with her full-time interpreter, Dan Mayfield, takes piano lessons, and sings during evening worship, her hands flowing rhythmically as someone points to the words. The school has had to make a few adjustments, though, such as wiring her dorm room with a blinking light fire alarm, but as I waved goodbye, I saw why everyone who knows Suzanne is glad she and her smile are on campus. As I walked away, I was smiling too.

Later that afternoon, I sat in another lobby, waiting to meet Ron Holland. He came rolling out from between swinging doors, a cap stuck jauntily on his head.

"Hi, Ron. What's happening?"

"Well, I just got a brand-new wheelchair. Faded denim blue, with special brakes! Want to see it?"

I did, and someone brought it out, careening around the lobby and asking, "Hey, why don't you write a story about me, too?"

"You'll have to break your neck first," answered Ron, smiling easily.

I couldn't say anything.

Ron is a quadraplegic, victim of a diving accident nearly six years ago. He is in his second year at SMC, taking computer technology with a business emphasis. Ron gets around campus, up and down its hundreds of steps, with the help of elevators, ramps, and nine different dorm friends, who are scheduled to work with him during various time slots throughout the day.

"I told one of the guys I was going to write a blessing on each step up the hill, so I could count my blessings instead of counting steps." He grins, and so do I. His lightheartedness is infectious.

But he is serious, too. He noted that federal law is now requiring that all programs be accessible to handicapped students. This is because of the recent 504 Regulation, which, says Richard Reiner, business manager, is to the handicapped what the civil rights regulations were to minority groups. Ron hopes that construction work on ramps around campus will now be speeded up, to give him more independence of movement, but he realizes that finances, weather, and red tape are deterring factors.

A committee has recently been formed to study ways of helping the handicapped on the Southern Missionary College campus. Since then, Ron's second semester classes have been relocated to one level on campus, and plans are being worked out for Dan Mayfield to teach an evening class in basic sign language. There are now special parking facilities for handicapped around campus, with restroom wheelchair facilities to be constructed. An architect recently visited SMC to make plans for a wheelchair ramp to be built into the administration building, from which there is access by elevator to other levels of campus. Melvin Campbell has been appointed student services coordinator for the handicapped, to meet transportation, study, and personal needs.

The committee, still in its infant stages, has formulated the goal of helping the handicapped students to become independent, both here on campus and in the job world after graduation. Thelma Cushman, committee chairman, says, "We are doing this not only to meet state requirements for our facilities, but because we as Christians believe every young person should have the same opportunities."

Both Suzanne and Ron are cheerfully enjoying their equal opportunity status here.

Debra Gainer is a junior communication major.

Highest in History

by C. E. Dudley
photography by G. I. Pearson
and I. J. Johnson

South Central Conference workers have reported the highest baptisms in history. When the baptismal reports for 1978 were given in January, the total stood at 1,338. This number was 168 more than the 1977 report. Six ministers baptized more than 100. Six other ministers baptized more than 50. Seven laymen conducted evangelistic crusades under tents. Two raised up new congregations.

D. B. Reid Pastor of the year

D. B. Reid, retired worker and pastor of the Huntsville First church, was voted "Pastor of the Year" during the January workers' meeting. Reid, more than 70 years old, is still very active. During 1978, the Lord blessed him to lead his members in soul-

winning crusades which netted 130 baptisms. They erected a welfare center and a gymnasium / day-care center. They are planning to begin an elementary school for the downtown church.

The First church congregation became the second largest tithe-paying group in the conference. Two new companies were organized and all departmental programs were on the increase under his noteworthy leadership.

Cleveland Crusade Stirs Birmingham

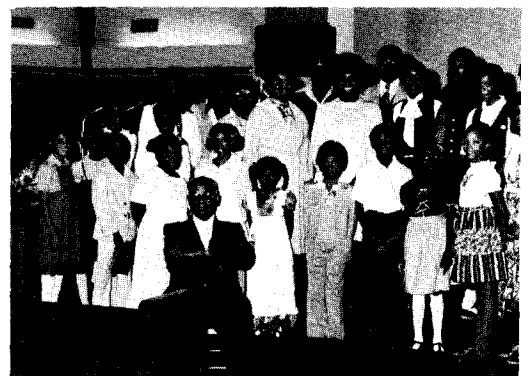
Dr. E. E. Cleveland pitched his 60-foot by 120-foot tent in the heart of the Black Belt of Birmingham. The location was not new to the community, for others before him had

preached on this same corner: E. Ward, D. Crowder, M. Young. The people remembered, but the Spirit drew them nevertheless. In addition to the preaching of the Word, social programs were conducted and community needs were met. The crime rate went down, and city leaders expressed their gratitude for the help that the crusade brought.

The newly added members became members of the Ephesus SDA church in Birmingham, where W. J. Cleveland is pastor. The church membership was already more than 1,000. It is evident that a second congregation is in the making for the city of Birmingham, with its more than a million people.

It seemed like the summer of 1954 in Montgomery when thousands blocked the streets to hear E. E. Cleveland enlighten their minds and hearts in the study of the Bible. Cleveland brought his evangelistic team to the city of Birmingham this

"Retired" minister D. B. Reid (left), a veteran of 45 years' service, was declared "Pastor of the Year" at the South Central Conference workers' meeting in January. He was also recognized for baptizing 130, building a day-care/fellowship facility, and leading the Huntsville First church to the number two position in tithing. Making the presentations are D. A. Walker (center), secretary/treasurer, and President C. E. Dudley.



In addition to outstanding leadership in church development and stewardship, Reid (front) ran a strong soul-winning program during 1978. Behind him are those who were in one baptism.

time. Every night for nine long weeks this man of God lifted up Christ Jesus as Saviour of the world and coming King who will return soon. When the crusade ended, more than 200 persons were baptized.

From 1954 to 1977 Dr. Cleveland served the world church of Seventh-day Adventists as the associate director of the Ministerial Association. His work took him to every continent in the world. Thousands of ministers and leaders of the church in all languages have been instructed by him during his years at the world headquarters. Because of the illness of his beloved wife, Celia, he accepted an invitation to serve as the director of Church Missions at Oakwood College. During the summer months, he still conducts evangelistic crusades. The Birmingham crusade bespeaks that the Holy Spirit still blesses the evangelistic burdens of this man of God.

Physicians, Dentists Increase In South Central

The total number of physicians and dentists who have settled in the South Central Conference territory has climbed to more than 23. We now have one in the State of Mississippi with the others located principally throughout Alabama and Tennessee. It is a blessing to have these medical missionaries as a part of the conference family.



J. A. Jones and laymen gave Bible studies in a Memphis prison. Thirty-four inmates were baptized in a portable plastic pool.

New Interns Added

Jessie Green of Louisville, Kentucky, and Joseph Grider of Lexington were given internships for the South Central Conference during the last committee meeting. These will begin in September, 1979.

New Buildings

New buildings were opened in Pensacola, Florida, M. Patterson, pastor; Huntsville, D. Reid, pastor; Greenwood, Mississippi, R. Patterson, pastor; Morristown, Tennessee, C. Houser, pastor, Columbia, Tennessee, R. Hill, pastor; and Jackson, Tennessee, A. Maycock, pastor.

New Congregations

During 1978 congregations were organized in Franklin, Tennessee, John Brown the evangelist, R. Hill the pastor; Adamsville, Alabama, Leo Fischer, evangelist, W. Cleveland, pastor; Cleveland, Tennessee, J. Milner the evangelist, P. Vincent, pastor; Fayette, Mississippi, by pastor/evangelist P. Smith; and in Nashville, by Henry Holt, pastor/evangelist.

Evangelism for 1979

In 1979 we have 43 pastors and plan to enter 36 dark counties. We need more pastors in evangelism, more laymen in evangelism, and more money in evangelism. The evange-

lism offering will be received March 31.

The 120 Club—Laymen Who Win 10 In '79

With the gigantic task of finishing the gospel, we invite laymen to win 10 in '79. We believe that we have 120 laymen who can and will win 10 in 1979. There were 120 in the upper room on the day of Pentecost. With the Holy Spirit we, the laity and ministry, can have another pentecost this year. Let's work and pray together that '79 will be the highest in history.

Dr. C. E. Dudley is president of the South Central Conference.



A new church building in Columbia, Tennessee, and a new congregation in Franklin, Tennessee, resulted in honors for Roland Hill (left).

W. J. Cleveland (right) was a double centurion in 1978. With the support of his brother, E. E. Cleveland, he baptized more than 200 persons in Birmingham.



BLIND



Gene Engen and John Kuna thank the Lord for the success of the Nashville-area musicale.

by Virgil Lewis

When Maurice Abbott, Sabbath school director for the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, asked for a report on the Investment program from the Madison Campus church, he was told of one man's efforts to involve the whole church to invest for the Lord. That man is John Kuna. To fully comprehend the impact John has made upon the Investment program one needs to hear his story.

John's life is his church. The Madison Campus church, an 850 member congregation, placed confidence in John as their Investment leader for 1978. John, you see, accepts the challenge of his church office seriously and has influenced many of his fellow church members to follow his example.

John lives in total darkness. John has been blind since 1972, and not only that, John lost both of his feet as a result of surgical operations. Yet this handicap does not stop John from standing on his (purchased) feet to speak

loud and clear of the privilege and responsibility of Investment.

Early in 1978 when the Investment promotion began, John stood before the Sabbath school and told of his personal pledge to raise \$500 in 1978. In addition he held up 10 five-dollar bills and suggested that 10 people take the five-dollar bills to invest for God.

"If we make the effort to invest for the advancement of God's cause, and put our confidence and trust in God's ability to bless our chosen projects, we will reap a rich reward not only in this life but in the life to come," said Kuna.

"As we do this, we not only gain funds for needy worldwide Adventist projects but we increase our hold on eternal life," he added.

The spring and summer sped by rapidly and the church, including John, focused attention on the Cox Evangelistic Crusade and the ultimate influx of new members. Then came November and the time of accounting for Investment, and the series of four Investment programs planned by John, Gene Engen, and other church members.

On the first Sabbath in November a recital was given during the vesper hour by the children of the church who wished to share their musical talent for the benefit of the Investment program. An offering was taken which amounted to \$58.

Nashville-area musicians presented a Sabbath afternoon musicale on the second Sabbath in November. The program was organized by Gene Engen who exercised her faith and trusted in God's blessing for the results. This is the fifth consecutive year that Gene has committed herself to this responsibility. The many hours spent in preparation for this program brought in \$270.40 in offerings.

Assistant Pastor John Hood (left), Mrs. Bob Johnston, Mrs. Ray Esparza, John Kuna, Otis Detamore, and Kimber Johnston retired conference president, talk over the benefits of the Investment program.



FAITH

The vesper program held on the third Sabbath in November brought together the Investment participants to tell their experiences and stories. When Mrs. Bob Johnston accepted her five-dollar bill from Kuna she pondered how she could find a sure and safe investment. After much prayer and deliberation she decided to bake and sell whole wheat bread. It took several weeks to realize a profit as there were several initial expenses for the flour and other ingredients. It also took time to develop a market for the bread, but now she can hardly keep up with the demand. She earned \$500 from this project and those that buy this delicious bread hope that she will continue baking for the Lord.

Ephraim Rada sold a product that gave him a \$75 profit.

Mrs. Cyrus Kendall clipped and saved coupons from newspapers and magazines. The savings amounted to \$75 which she donated to the Investment program.

Mrs. Gary Schueler realized a profit of \$50 from making and selling afghans.

Otis Detamore tells how he bought a farm and dedicated certain fruit trees to the Investment program. A frost in April ruined most of the blossoms but the dedicated trees bloomed and blossomed anyway. The trees produced 100 bushels of peaches which brought in over \$300. Detamore repeated over and over, "Try me and see whether or not I will open the windows of heaven with a blessing."

David Carney gathered and sold scrap metal, and Preston Wallace sold tomatoes from his greenhouse.

Virgil and Marian Lewis made \$101 from a garage sale, selling items that had not sold at previous garage sales.

Following this Investment vesper service a Mexican supper was served in the fellowship hall of the church.

Mrs. Ray Esparza prepared the supper and turned the proceeds of \$181 over to Investment.

To complete the Investment program series a guest soloist came from Louisville to perform a sacred concert. The offering came to \$60.

By the end of November John Kuna reported that the total amount raised for Investment was \$2,438.89, with the possibility that more funds would be turned in by the end of the year.

The story goes on and on. But how did John Kuna earn his \$500? His project involves utilizing the wood scraps that he receives from the Crescent Manufacturing Company in Gallatin, Tennessee. The wood is given to him free of charge; it's scrap pieces of very fine wood that are too small for furniture use. Kuna turns the wood into useful items such as bread boards, picture frames, footstools, and lamps. "I also make 50 different kinds of candle holders," he says.

John has a woodworking shop in his basement. In his workshop there are numerous tools, sanders, saw, planers, a drill press, and a lathe that he operates by himself. Most of the tools were purchased with his pension money, not with money earned from his projects. John works two or three hours in the morning, stops to cook his own lunch (as his wife is away at work), then works another two or three hours in the afternoon. A radio keeps him company. Mrs. Kuna plays an important part in John's projects. She drives him to Gallatin to pick up the wood then drives him to deliver the finished products at Rivergate, Hundred Oaks, and Hickory Hollow Malls where he has developed a profitable market.

Kuna insists that his family go about their business as if he were not handicapped. He gets up and down the stairs to his shop and around the house by himself. John's work in the shop requires standing most of the time. Sometimes the upper legs get tired, he says, but that is to be expected. He walks up and down the stairs with no difficulty.

"I'm just thankful that I can be useful," John adds. "Life with Christ is wonderful and His work is wonderful!"

Virgil Lewis is communication secretary of the Madison Campus church.

A Mexican Investment supper was one of several activities of the Madison Campus church.





An Interview With C.G. Cross, Director, Trust Services

by George A. Powell

Q: How did you get into the field of trust services?

A: No. We set up the program of Trust Services at the Christian Record Braille Foundation in 1958.

Q: Can you describe the nature of the trust services you provide?

Our offices can write the trusts and gift annuities, also the pooled income fund agreements. We can take the information concerning a will and supply that information to the attorney selected by the individual to write the will, or else we can supply it to an attorney usually employed by the conference, if that is their wish.

Q: How do you handle the wills of individuals who are not members of the church?

Well, there are wills that are simple wills and there are wills that we call "pour-over wills." That means that there has to be a trust agreement established before the will so that whatever is "poured over" into the trust agreement at the

decease of the trustor, is mentioned in the will. But there has to be a trust already prepared before the will is prepared in order to arrange that. This is a very accommodating type of program and many of our people are in it. It is a very easy type of program to get into. There is also what we call an educational trust for young families that have minor children, and they want to be sure that they have provided for the education of the



children in case some disaster should strike before the father and mother see them through the school program. This is very, very important. We have seen several incidences in our own union where this has been exceedingly important. And there are various kinds of trusts to meet specific situations and objectives.

Q: What kinds of trusts are available?

The types of trusts can probably be divided into two sections, one is revocable and the other is irrevocable. The revocable trust is a trust in which a person generally can put any type of assets and later on if he needs some of those assets, whether they be cash or whether they be real property that he wants to sell for himself, he can pull those out. That is what the terminology means. It can be revoked, modified, or changed. Also, it can be added to. The assets which start a revocable trust can be either removed completely or

removed partly or added to later on. Furthermore, the distribution can be changed. In other words, if a certain percentage of it is to go to the church, the individual can change that percentage one way or the other if he wishes to. Likewise, the percentage that he desires to be distributed to someone else, like a family member, can be changed. The irrevocable is a type of trust which cannot be changed once it is established. The government does not permit it to be revoked because the government allows very large tax benefits to the person that establishes one of these irrevocable trusts, such as a charitable remainder unitrust, or a charitable remainder annuity trust. Also, there is what we call the gift annuity and a deferred payment gift annuity. Pooled income is another type of a trust which cannot be revoked once it is entered into. These trusts pay the donors certain percentages for life and provide large charitable deductions on income tax, and some avoid capital gains tax.

Q: When a person enters into a trust agreement with the church, does the church always get 100 per cent of the assets?

That is true. There are times when individuals desire for the church to be the sole beneficiary. Other times they arrange for a portion of the assets to go to the church and a portion to go to the family.

Q: How do you handle the assets of a minor?

No, a person who is young needs a will just as much as a person who is older. Anybody who has ownership of anything and wants to see that it is distributed to the church or some person or family should make a will. He also, in doing this, can name the executor of his will. If he doesn't have a will and he dies, then the court determines the executor, and nothing whatsoever that he owns

Q: If there is no will, various individuals may claim certain assets or possessions and this ordeal can go on for months or years without being settled. In many cases, checking and saving companies are needed. When a will is made, usually effected, the estate can be almost immediately settled in court and paid out.

will benefit the closing work of God because no court is going to say that some of this ought to be distributed to his church.

Q: How do you handle cases where the survivors have a difficult time receiving the benefits if there is no will?

There is always a risk of considerable court procedure if there is no will, and especially if there are other claims. Various individuals may claim that they ought to have certain money or certain possessions, and if there is a contest, this kind of ordeal can go on for a good many months or even years without being settled. When

settlement is finally effected, the estate can be almost completely absorbed in court and legal costs.

I have heard of cases where the husband died without a will, where the surviving spouse had a difficult time receiving the cash or whatever was left because of minor children—that until they reached 18 or whatever, the funds were held in some kind of a trust set up by the state. Is that still a problem?

Yes, it definitely is. The state establishes a guardianship for the minor children, to hold their property. Now in Georgia, fortunately, in case a wife survives her husband and there is no will involved, the state will allow her to have the equivalent of normal expenses which are anticipated for one full year. Thus all the funds which normally would be tied up in a bank account or in various savings accounts and so forth, are not really tied up so far as her needs are concerned to operate the family for the year. But that is not true in many states. One unfortunate thing about Georgia's laws is that title would go equally to the heirs, that is, to the mother and each of the children. For example, if the man dies without a will, and there are, say two children in the family, the mother will get only one-third of the husband's estate. When the husband dies the estate of both the husband and the wife is considered his estate and when you think in terms of the wife being left with only one-third, with one-third going to each of two children, for example, that is rather rough. She has the entire educational future of the children at heart, she has to rear the children and train the children. If one-third of the funds are set up for each of the two children and she only has one-third available for herself, it can be difficult.

If the children are minors, they cannot receive their shares immediately. Is that correct?

Right, not until they reach the legal age of majority.

So, therefore, a will or trust agreement protects a person's property or investments.

Yes. In many cases, checking accounts and savings accounts are frozen and it makes it extremely difficult for a surviving wife to operate for a good long time until everything is settled. One may ask the question, how long does it take to settle an estate? It takes



about six months by the nature of things, and then if there are some questions or contests, it could take not only many more months but even more years. If a good deal is involved and there are several people that feel that they should receive some of this money, you can imagine the hassle there is in handling a thing like that. If a person would just make a proper will—it takes a couple of hours to determine what assets are involved and then a

few minutes to decide what to do with them—and give that information to one of our directors or field representatives in Trust Services, we will make the presentation to the attorney, if we are asked to, or they can make the presentation to an attorney. After that it just takes a little while until they will have a will that protects them and their family's interests and provides for hastening the coming of Christ if they so choose. Some families want trust agreements so that the wife will not have to manage the finances after her husband dies. Furthermore, the husband may feel strongly that it would be in his wife's interest at his death for her not to have a large bundle of cash (and be subject to swindlers and bad investments) but to have a trust that will pay her a generous amount monthly. Thus he can feel that he has provided well for her future.

Which areas of the church most often benefit from wills and trusts, and who decides what areas will benefit?



Well, the people who own the money and the property of whatever nature it might be are the ones that decide how they want to distribute their possessions. We do not enter into that. They may ask us what others are doing. We must be very careful and keep in mind that this is an extremely confidential type of service that we are rendering and we do not give names of what other people are doing. But, we might suggest that some have done this and some have done that. For example some choose to give all to the closing work of God at the death of the last spouse. Others choose to give 50 per cent to the closing work and divide the other 50 per cent among their children. Some choose to count the closing work of God like one of their children, and thus divide the total. For example, if there are two children and the closing work, each will receive one-third. Something rather new and wonderful is coming into the picture more often now. It is this: Some of our people are arranging for a certain amount or percentage to be given to help finish the gospel at the time of the death of the first spouse, rather than to have the cause of God wait until the death of the surviving spouse.

Is it usually evangelism and education that benefit most?

Yes. Most of the time, the funds are left for the general purposes of the conference. The association is the legal arm of the conference and the association receives the funds and then votes the funds to the conference, which then uses the funds for its general purposes. Any person, however, can specify that the funds are to be used only for education, or evangelism, for example. They should specify even more than that if they want them used for educational purposes in their own church school, or for the academy, or college, or for specific uses in the schools. If they want to be real definite as to how the funds are to be used, they really ought to spell it out and then we put it right into the legal agreements.

How many representatives do you have?

In each conference there is a director of Trust Services and many of the conferences have one or more field representatives, in addition to the director. We presently have 14 full-time and three part-time workers. And, of course, there is the treasurer of the association in each of the conferences.

How would a person go about making contact with a representative and arranging for an interview?

Just phone or write to the Trust Services Department in the conference and the director will see that the people are contacted reasonably soon.

Is there a charge for your department's services?

No. If an individual wishes to include the church among the beneficiaries, our services are free. Some conferences do pass attorneys' fees on to the individual. Others do not.

Why do you feel that this work is important?

We feel it is extremely important because it helps us as Seventh-day Adventists to think in terms of the finished work of God and to do what we can in helping to hasten Christ's coming. Christ-motivated stewardship is one of the greatest privileges and challenges of the Christian. We are anxious for each of our church members to hear Jesus welcome them when He says, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." If we are not able to give large sums or even small amounts while we are living, we can arrange for the distribution of our goods at death so the cause of God at that time will profit. Some of our people own their homes or farms and want to continue to live there, but they desire for their places to belong to the Lord's work when they die. The conference association can write a legal instrument that gives them "life tenancy" and accomplishes their wishes. At their deaths the property is sold and the funds are used to proclaim the message of God. In this way they help to advance the work of God even after death.





Groundbreaking ceremonies were held January 18 for the gym and classroom addition to the Huntsville Central school. Pictured with the school children at the shovels are Mayor Joe Davis (left), and Conference President W. D. Wampler. Associate Pastor Dan Solis is at the extreme right and Charles Bryan, building committee member, left.



Lay leader James McNulty signs the official membership roll during the organization of the Picayune, Mississippi, company. The congregation is presently meeting in a Methodist church and looks forward to its own church home. Arl Voorheis is the pastor.

ACCELERATING Growth

by G. N. Kovalski

With the membership of the Alabama-Mississippi Conference about to surpass 6,000, there is an increased emphasis on soul winning for 1979. Over 40 public evangelistic meetings are scheduled for the year. Three evangelists are now employed. All departments of the conference are concentrating on soul winning, both in training and promotion activities. Evangelists, pastors, teachers, literature evangelists, and lay leaders are committed to leading people to Christ.

Eighteen years ago the conference membership was 3,928. The 4,000 mark was surpassed in 1961 and the 5,000 membership was reached in 1973. This data shows that it took 12 years to move from four to five thousand members, and six years will be required to move from five to the six thousand membership total.

Membership at the close of 1978 was 5,960.

Nineteen seventy-nine began with the organization, on January 13, of a church company in Picayune, Mississippi, representing new work in a dark county. This active new congregation is working toward owning its own church as a base to evangelize its community. Dark counties continue to be a target of evangelism.

New church and school facilities also represent growth. Representing the number adding new facilities for increased activity and growth are the Birmingham First church and the Huntsville school.

Construction was under way in earnest at the beginning of the year for the new \$600,000 Birmingham First church. This major congregation is relocating in the southern part of Greater Birmingham, an area

heretofore not influenced by Adventism.

January 18 saw the groundbreaking ceremonies for the addition of a gymnasium and classroom facilities at the Huntsville school. With a growing enrollment and increased program, existing facilities became inadequate. The expanding school program conference-wide is evidence of strength and commitment.

Conference leaders see 1979 as a year which promises to show continued growth. Pastors have set a baptismal objective of 450 for the year and the first two months have shown strong activity in achieving this goal. It is planned that the conference will soon be reaching toward the reality of the next 1,000 members as the entire conference commits itself to the Saviour and His discipleship.

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ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER SALES for the first nine months of the fiscal year totaled nearly \$210,000, an increase of more than \$10,000 over the entire previous fiscal year.

Thirty-one of 33 smokers attending a FIVE-DAY PLAN TO STOP SMOKING at the Mountain Brook Junior High School in the Birmingham area quit smoking. The plan was conducted by David Sharpe, D. J. Eurick, Dr. Olson and Dr. Lilly.

Conference Treasurer Tom Evans reports a TITHE GAIN for 1978 of 6.2 per cent over the previous year. Tithe for the year totaled \$1,990,966.63.

EVANGELISTIC CRUSADES underway include: W. H. Patsel and Mario Cruz, Laurel, Mississippi, February 17-March 17. P. D. Merling and Jim Greek, Meridian, Mississippi, February 23-March 30.

Recent EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS included David Merling and Tui Pitman at Montgomery, J. J. Millet and Don Richards at Bay Minette, David Sharpe at Birmingham, W. H. Patsel and Duane Lauer at Floral Crest, and Charles Ferguson at St. Elmo.

The first executive committee meeting of the newly reorganized COMMUNITY SERVICES FEDERATION program was held in the conference office January 31. Conference Federation President Ann Jones and Lay Activities Director Richard Hallock led out in the planning and organizational meeting which involved all area and conference federation officers.

Conference LITERATURE EVANGELISTS experienced a gain of nearly \$10,000 in sales by the end of January over the same period in 1978.

A meeting of the ADVENTIST HEALTH CENTER proposed board members was held in Jackson, Mississippi, February 8. The meeting included others invited whose expertise was valuable in making final plans for the nursing home.

According to Conference Treasurer Tom Evans, some \$2,949 was sent to Bass Memorial Academy at the end of 1978 from the BMA ENDOWMENT FUND. The fund was set up for the purpose of assisting in operating, and interest earned on the principal is transferred to the academy each year. The endowment balance stood at \$38,113.50 at the end of 1978.



Fourteen members of the FLETCHER ACADEMY GYMNASTICS TEAM and four faculty members had an unusual Christmas holiday. They helped build a church in Armeria, Mexico. The building project was sponsored by Maranatha. In addition to aiding in the construction of the church, the students also assisted in building the pews for the 200-seating capacity sanctuary. In the evenings the team gave gymnastics programs in nearby communities which the people appreciated and enjoyed. The cement block structure was nearly completed when the group left Armeria. This structure will form the meeting place for the first Seventh-day Adventist church in the town of approximately 25,000 southwest of Mexico City.

Clay Farwell, Southern Union youth director, was the featured speaker at the two weekend BIBLE CONFERENCES at Nosoca Pines Ranch January 26-28 and February 2-4. More than 270 young people, students at Fletcher and Mt. Pisgah Academies, attended the weekend meetings.

Ninety-three-year-old Rebecca C. McCandless, a resident at the Pisgah Manor Nursing Home, was recently BAPTIZED. Soon after she arrived at Pisgah Manor, Mrs. McCandless



was befriended by Elnora Staples, a resident of the adjacent Pisgah Estates retirement community. Since Mrs. McCandless' vision is failing, Mrs. Staples read to her from the Bible.

More than 15,000 non-Adventist clergy in the two Carolinas receive *Ministry* magazine. On January 8 and 9 the Carolina Conference hosted P.R.E.A.C.H. SEMINARS in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Spartanburg, South Carolina. Dr. Roy Graham of Andrews University presented as his topic: "The Battle Over the Bible." A vegetarian luncheon was provided by the host churches. In the afternoon Dr. Harold Moody presented the subject: "The Minister and His Health." Dr. Robert Brown of the Geoscience Research Institute concluded the all-day seminars with his presentation: "Conflict and Agreement: Creationism and Evolution." The seminars were well-received in both cities.

FLORIDA



Evangelist Harmon Brownlow opened his SERIES OF MEETINGS in Lakeland with a full house the first session, with chairs in the aisles, and three-fourths full the second session.

Don Edwards began his crusade at Forest Lake with a double session, with large crowds at both.

Four hundred people, 150 of them non-Adventists, attended the OPENING SESSION of Spanish Evangelist Walter Cameron in Hialeah.



According to Stan Dombrosky, Florida Conference lay activities director, Florida Conference workers reported a total of \$400,000 raised for INGATHERING. This represents a 10 per cent increase over last year, a challenge which had been given to them to help offset the tremendous loss in funds due to the world currency exchange.

Pat Thomas, secretary of the Gulf Coast Federation, reports that Lyn Tutwiler and her team of HEALTH SCREENING technicians assisted the county Health-O-Rama held in Lakeland. They screened 262 individuals for diabetes and distributed 300 pieces of literature, *Friendship Review*, and *Life and Health*.



Don Weatherall, superintendent of education in Florida, reports that at the end of the first half of the 1978-79 school year ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT in the Florida Conference surpassed the 2,000 mark.

Channel 2 TV in Orlando featured on their local news program a special report on a FIVE-DAY PLAN which was conducted by Merrill Enright, associate pastor of the Orlando Central church.



Dick Shepard of the Tampa First church is conducting a FIVE-DAY PLAN FOR CITY EMPLOYEES, according to Pat Batto, Florida Conference temperance director. Dick Faber of the Kress Memorial church and Dr. Warren Belding will be conducting the programs.

Dr. James Cox, chairman of the New Testament Department at Andrews Theological Seminary, was the guest speaker for a WORKERS' MEETING at Camp Kulaqua in January.



Dr. Agatha Thrash from Yuchi Pines Institute, conducted the first in a series of NUTRITION SEMINARS at the Boynton Beach church on the weekend of February 9-11. Much interest was generated in the health message, and other seminars are scheduled for Gainesville March 2-5, Sanitarium church in Orlando March 23-25, and Tampa First April 27-29, according to Stan Dombrosky, lay activities/health secretary for Florida.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Miss Diane Nudd has joined the Communication Department as secretary and will be assisting in the overall COMMUNICATION PROGRAM of the conference. She has a degree in communication from Andrews University and has worked as public relations director for the Battle Creek Sanitarium Hospital in Michigan.

An enjoyable SKI WEEK was spent by 80 senior youth in Colorado between Christmas and New Year's.

A first for Georgia-Cumberland: FIVE-DAY PLAN TO STOP SMOKING was on TV Channel 8 (WGTV), on the University of Georgia campus, Athens, Georgia, January 15-19.

A 1979 Chevrolet step van has been ordered with the funds raised by the conference Community Service Federations. This van will be used in a program of HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES. Delivery is scheduled for mid-April.

Students from Georgia-Cumberland Academy joined with Calhoun Pastor Norman Lunt and Dr. Bill Dalton in presenting a FIVE-DAY PLAN in the Calhoun Federal Savings Building. Ten persons were successful in kicking the smoking habit, and will be invited to a vegetarian "victory supper," in acknowledgment of their successful conquest of the tobacco habit.



Dr. J. P. Dietrich, long-time citizen of McMinnville, Tennessee, and leader in the McMinnville Adventist church, was recently HONORED BY A JOINT RESOLUTION passed by the Tennessee General Assembly in its 1978 session. Dietrich has practiced medicine in McMinnville since 1947.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE



The churches in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference added 573 NEW MEMBERS during 1978. This is the largest addition to the churches in any one year during the history of the conference. Already this year there have been 20 additions to the churches.

Evangelist Ralph Ringer opened a SERIES OF MEETINGS in Leitchfield, Kentucky, on January 13 and had an attendance of over 90. The Leitchfield church has a membership of 23. Pastor Doug Knowlton is assisting in the meetings.



A LAY ADVISORY MEETING, held at Highland Academy on January 21, resulted in a recommendation to the conference committee by the laymen present that a committee be appointed of laymen and pastors to give study to the physical plant at Highland Academy.

W. M. Abbott, lay activities secretary, reported to the conference committee that the constituency had raised \$172,323.44 in INGATHERING for 1979. This was a total of \$14,848 over the conference goal.

At the close of 1978, the MEMBERSHIP of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference stood at 8,752. This is a gain of 325 for the year.

Nine churches in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference are UNDER CONSTRUCTION, and three other churches are in the blueprint stage, reports J. W. Clarke, stewardship and church development director.

SOUTH CENTRAL



The Oakwood College Youth Department is holding weekly COOKING CLASSES for its children in the Pathfinder club. They are learning to bake and make meat substitutes.

Roland Hill, pastor of the Columbia, Fayetteville, and Franklin, Tennessee, churches, challenged the membership to WITNESS IN THREE SMALL CITIES, one in the vicinity of each of the three churches in the district. They accepted the challenge with enthusiasm and anticipation on February 3.



The LAY ADVISORY COUNCIL met at Oakwood College, February 11, with Attorney William Murrian to discuss the legality of the organization of the savings and loan association which is being established to help small churches and schools finance their buildings.

G. I. Pearson, director of the ADVENTIST BOOK CENTER, was relieved of his interim pastorate of Riverside Hospital church when Xavier Butler was introduced February 3. Pearson reports that he loves preaching and meeting people in his ABC bookmobile sales around the conference. The schedule includes: March 3 — Birmingham, Alabama; March 7 — Hazelhurst, Mississippi; March 10 — Selma, Alabama; March 31 — Bessemer, Alabama; April 21 — Montgomery, Alabama; April 28 — Lexington, Kentucky.

LITERATURE EVANGELISTS of Mississippi held a record rally in Jackson February 10 with Joe Hutchinson, publishing director of South Central, as speaker. Ben Cone, the district leader, was happy to report that the Mississippi district led the conference again in January. Cone says he plans for Mississippi to lead throughout the year.



The basketball teams of the seven YOUTH FEDERATIONS of South Central Conference will have their playoffs soon. The Nashville team hopes to be the winner even in the tournament, but they have some very stiff competition.

D. A. Walker, secretary-treasurer of South Central Conference, reports 1978 was a YEAR OF INCREASE: 1,064 members were added by baptism; tithe returned in the amount of \$1,974,343.86, an increase over 1977 of 15.95 per cent; with a 12.6 per cent increase in mission offerings, totaling \$108,927.70.

SOUTHERN MISSIONARY COLLEGE



SMC's enrollment is leveling off after 20 years of gain, according to Kenneth Spears, director of admissions and records. Second semester registration, just completed for the Collegedale institution, is down 38 students, standing at 1,657, compared to 1,695 last year at the same time. There are 924 women enrolled and 733 men. The largest departments in enrollment are nursing, religion, education, and business administration.



The Little Creek Academy Handbell Choir has been accepted by the Friendship Ambassadors Foundation to participate in a two-week cultural exchange visit to Poland, according to Mrs. Sarah McNeilus, director. The group will leave from New York May 29. The choir will perform in churches, concert halls, and schools.



Reacting to a blood shortage in Henderson County, North Carolina, Fletcher church Pastor Dr. Joseph Battistone not only urged his congregation to donate blood but participated in the drive himself. Associate Pastor Paul Eldridge (standing) awaits his turn. The project was coordinated by Ministerial Intern Jerry Mobley.

Pictorial Stories



This group was organized into the York, South Carolina, church January 6 by Carolina Conference President M. D. Gordon and Pastor Steve Gallimore.



Sabbath school members of the Madison, Tennessee, Campus church were challenged during the fourth quarter of 1978 to give beyond their normal mission offerings to provide funds for lamb shelters in the Far East, according to Dr. Andrew Boskind, superintendent. Kathy Liccup and William Bell display the primary B class's lamb shelter, covered with \$68 in dimes which the 20-member class raised for the project.

SIXTEEN



The Mocksville, North Carolina, church opened the doors to its new sanctuary February 3. Mayor R. C. Smith attended the opening services and stayed for the fellowship dinner. Carolina Conference President M. D. Gordon presented the worship message.



Forty-one individuals became charter members of the Cohutta, Georgia, church on January 10. The group hopes to break ground in late April for a church facility. Georgia-Cumberland resident Desmond Cummings was the worship service speaker. Also participating were Conference Treasurer Richard Center and Pastor L. O. Coon.



Mrs. Evelyn Sullenberger's 1978 Investment project, crocheting doll clothes, potholders, and other items, brought in \$230 for the Leesburg, Florida, church's investment program.



The advanced band of the Forest Lake Elementary Educational Center, under the direction of Harold Greene, participated in the Altamonte Springs-Casselberry Christmas Parade December 3. Parents and staff members made the float, which emphasized the "Fruits of the Spirit" of Galatians 5:22. The band received a \$50 gift from the Chamber of Commerce.

A New Year's banquet was provided for the members of the Greenville, South Carolina, Antioch church by the church's hostess committee. Mrs. Ella Griffin (back row, left) directed the event. Another year-end activity was a music festival sponsored by the deaconesses. Choirs came from Asheville, North Carolina, and a local Baptist church.



Drivers' education students at Fletcher Academy will benefit from a 1979 Chevrolet Malibu provided as a free loan car by Fletcher Motors Company. Tom Best, sales manager, presents the keys to student Kenna Jones. Also on hand to receive the car are Dr. Herbert E. Coolidge, president of Fletcher Hospital and Academy, Inc., and Jesse Cone, Fletcher Academy principal.



A brass ensemble reunion and performance were held at the Forest Lake church December 23. Mrs. Pat Silver, who directed the ensemble from 1964-1973, and 35 former Forest Lake Academy Brass Ensemble members returned to the academy for the performance. Silver is presently teaching music at Andrews University.

The Church In Action

Education

SDA Educators Compile Literature Textbook

Southern Union — A committee comprised of Adventist educators in the Southern Union, Southeastern California Conference, Home Study Institute, and the General Conference Education Department recently concluded an anthology study at the Florida Conference office in Orlando.

The group has been meeting for about one year to compile a literature textbook for SDA students at the junior and senior academy level. This paperback textbook, which is expected to be available by the 1979-80 school year, will be the first non-secular literature text ever compiled by the denomination.

Literary works will include por-

tions of the Bible, the Spirit of Prophecy, and poems and short stories by SDA and non-church authors.

According to Dr. Don Weatherall, educational superintendent for the Florida Conference, plans are being made to compile another literature textbook for the 10th-grade level.

SMC Women Occupy 252-Capacity Addition

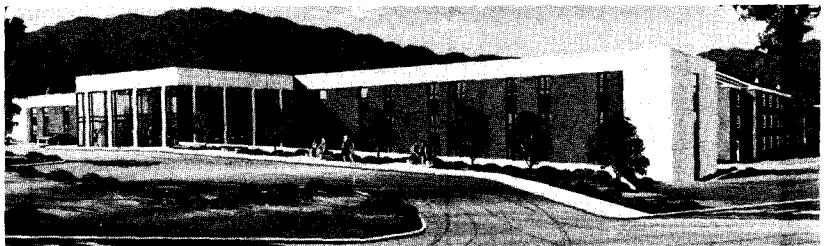
Southern Missionary College — The finishing touches are now being made to a 252-women dor-

mitory that is an addition to Thatcher Hall, the present residence. The two are connected by walkways.

This annex brings the capacity to 767 women, and both dorms are almost full.

The structure, designed by Jack Tyler and Associates, was built by SMC's construction crew, under the direction of Francis Costerisan, plant engineer, at a cost of \$1.2 million.

The original financing of the new building was handled by SMC's Committee of 100, composed of professional and business laymen of the South.



The recently completed Thatcher Hall addition.

Youth

Oakwood Students Bring Revival to Gadsden

South Central — Five students from Oakwood College spent Christmas vacation doing evangelistic work in Gadsden, Alabama.

The students, Quantrilla Ed-

wards, Gregory Johnson, Dennis Cooper, Robert Thompson, and Lloyd J. Hudson, who serves as first elder of the Gadsden Ebenezer church, led the members to an overflow in their Ingathering campaign.

Seeing the need of repairs on the church, they asked the pastor, Lawrence Hamilton, to allow them to continue soliciting the community for funds to repair the roof, windows, walls, etc. They were soon on the streets again, only to discover that none of the members were with them.

"When has this church had a good revival or week of prayer?" Hudson wondered. To his surprise, there had been none. With Hamilton's approval, "A Holiday Revival" was quickly organized. Five hundred invitations went out to former members, interests from earlier evangelistic meetings, and community friends.

The revival ended New Year's eve with an all-night prayer meeting. By this time six persons had requested baptism. "The greatest plague that has put the church to a standstill is the plague of inactivity," warned Hudson. "But Ebenezer will never be the same. She is alive!"



D. K. Griffith (left center), Southern Union director of education, and Dr. Don Weatherall chair the anthology committee which compiled the church's first non-secular literature textbook.

Greenville Youth Upgrade Church Facilities

South Atlantic — The young people at Antioch church in Greenville, South Carolina, made sure that when the church gave them a day it should be used meaningfully, spiritually as well as materially. From Sabbath school through the close of the Sabbath it was a rewarding and inspiring experience for all who attended church on that day.

The young people took the opportunity to honor the most senior citizens of the church who have labored to build up the church. They were Ben Beeks, 87, and Henry MacKenzie, 86. Two other senior members who were sick and were also honored were Aileen Bradley and Rudolph Neely.

In a special ceremony, the young people presented the church with two banquet tables, a new mimeograph machine, and a red leather guest book with pen to match. The youth leader for 1978, Margie Thomas, presented a gold-plated pen to specified members of the youth council and Bible verse-imprinted pencils to others. Special recognition was also given to the incoming 1979 leader, Gene Leake.

The guest speaker for the youth day was former Pastor O. S. White, who is now retired.

Seminar Boosts Secular Campus Ministries

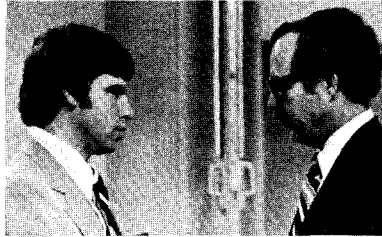
Southern Union — The first annual Southern Union Secular Campus Ministries Seminar was held January 19-21 on the campus of the University of Florida in Gainesville.

This seminar, directed by Clay Farwell and Ralph Peay of the Southern Union Youth Ministries Department, was the first step in a union-wide program to give greater emphasis to evangelism on non-SDA university and college campuses. The more than 80 delegates consisted of Seventh-day Adventist students presently enrolled on secular campuses, pastors serving churches located in university communities, and conference youth directors.

The session began with a mes-



Joe McCoy (left), youth director of the South Central Conference, Richard Long, assistant pastor of the Atlanta Berean church, and Melvyn Warfield, pastor of the Columbia, South Carolina, Ephesus church, discuss ways to bring Christ to secular university campuses.



Bucky Weeks (left), associate youth director for Florida, shares ideas with Tampa Southside Pastor Paul Horton on how to implement the concepts discussed at the seminar on the college campuses in the Tampa Bay area.

sage and challenge by Richard Barron, associate youth director of the General Conference. Throughout the weekend, delegates shared experiences which pointed out the potential for evangelism on their campuses. Other speakers were Robert Zamora, from Columbia Union College, who spoke on the subject of "Bible Studies and Evangelism on the Secular Campus," and Norman Versteeg, pastor from Garden Grove, California, who spoke on "The Role of the Pastor in Secular Campus Ministries." Bernie Molnar, a University of Florida student, and Pastor Ken Coonley of Gainesville also made presentations.

Encouragement and enthusiasm were high as delegates returned to their schools and churches. Many are already planning definite approaches toward an evangelistic outreach in their areas. One pastor expressed the feeling of many when he said at the close of the seminar, "When I came here I didn't know how to get a ministry going on my campus. Now I know, and you can believe we're going to do something."

Health

LLU Public Health Classes Continue, Some Near Completion

Southern Union — Sixty individuals in the Southern Union are nearing completion of the requirements for a master's degree in public health. In July, 1976, faculty from the Loma Linda University School of Health conducted the first off-campus class in the Southern Union. The most recent session, held January 21-25 at Nosoca Pines Ranch, brought to 36 quarter hours the amount of academic credit offered to date. Forty-eight hours are required for the degree.

Several members of the class have joined only recently, and therefore do not have 36 credit hours. "It's not too late to begin now," states H. F. Roll, health secretary of the Southern Union. "The university will continue the classes as long as there are 20 or more for each session." Participants include laymen and church employees in medical, nutritional, ministerial, and other fields.

The classes generally meet for three or four consecutive days once per quarter. Because of the concentrated class time, students are expected to engage in considerable study and reading between classes.

Future classes include those at Camp Alamisco April 1-5 where "Environmental Health" and "Spe-

cial Topics in Nutrition" will be presented. "Values Clarification" and "Religion" will be covered in two sessions at Oakwood College July 9-12 and July 15-17. A course in "communications" will be conducted at Camp Kulaqua October 1-4, and "Principles of Health Education" will be taught at Florida Hospital January 7-10, 1980.

Those who have completed the required 48 hours by January will participate in a special presentation of candidates January 4 and 5 at Southern Missionary College.

Those desiring information on the classes may contact the Southern Union Health Department.

Franklin Fair Exhibit Nets Large Cooking School Attendance

Carolina — When residents in the Franklin, North Carolina, area attended the Macon County Fair last fall, they were impressed with the array of community services offered by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. An exhibit on healthful living has resulted in a well-attended vegetarian cooking school held in Franklin in November and December on a weekly basis.

The average attendance was 55 persons, 45 being non-Adventists. Pastor Don Bush credits the success of the school to the fair exhibit, radio and newspaper items, and the excellent teaching team.



Elizabeth Steen and Mary Lou Vollmer came from Asheville to lead out in the Franklin cooking school.

LLU Conducts Dental Seminar at Belvedere

Georgia-Cumberland — A spiritual emphasis weekend took place at the Atlanta Belvedere church January 13, 14 for 70 professionals and their families.

The Loma Linda University Federation of SDA medical doctors and dentists sponsored this pilot program, and the dental alumni coordinated it. Dr. Richard Lee, a Peachtree City church member and member of the LLU Dental Association's board of directors, helped organize the weekend's activities.

Don Prior, vice-president for development at LLU, reported on the University during Sabbath school.

Dr. Jack Provonsha, professor of religion and director of student health at LLU, spoke for church service. His sermon, "Is It Good News?" stressed the three angels' messages.

That afternoon Provonsha led out in a discussion on the problems facing medical personnel in the last days, life after death, and the ethical side of medicine.

A seven-hour seminar, a nutrition study on the mouth, was conducted on Sunday.

Lee felt that the weekend proved successful and hopes to have another one next spring.

Progress

Christmas Offering Finances Arden Expansion

Carolina — Members of the Arden church presented their young people with a special Christmas gift on December 16. For some time the church had been aware of a need for more meeting space for their juniors, earliteens, and Pathfinders. A "west wing" addition to the church had been roughed out for future development.

About one week prior to the December 16 meeting, envelopes marked "Our Special Christmas Gift to Help Complete the West Wing" were distributed. Since the

west wing would benefit the young people primarily, they were asked to provide the program for the December 16 meeting. On the evening of the program, a Christmas tree was placed in the corner of the fellowship room. Following a light meal, the young people collected the special gift envelopes from the people and placed them on the tree. Later, church treasurer L. G. Wartzok announced that the total for the evening offering was \$4,200. Then O. D. Wright, who had vigorously promoted the special offering by personal phone calls, announced that cash and pledges amounted to nearly \$15,500. The young people were especially pleased since the liberal offering meant spacious meeting rooms for them.

Reorganized Morristown Occupies New Church

South Central — On January 6 a dream that extends back to the early 1900s became a reality.

In 1912 Mrs. Davis, one of the charter members of the SDA church in Morristown, Tennessee, willed a tract of land for the purpose of establishing a church. Other members like the Simpsons, Millers, Barnetts, Davises and Mrs. Flynn expressed the same desire as they worshiped faithfully in a house.

In 1948-49 the church folded and the members were scattered. Some of them went to the sister church on Economy Road, and some moved to other states. However, the Black church was the first Adventist church in Morristown.

The land willed by Mrs. Davis was taken over by urban renewal and \$1,000 was set aside for the church. This award lay dormant until Benjamin Jones, who was the pastor of the Knoxville district, and Ernest Clark, pastor of the church on Economy Road, traced it down with the aid of former members.

In 1978, C. D. Houser, pastor of the Knoxville district, and Sister Barnett of Morristown stood before the judge and were awarded \$1,000—66 years after the will.

In 1976, the Brainard Chapel church of Greeneville, Tennessee, led by J. L. Gudger, J. Stines, and B.



Morristown Pastor C. D. Houser gives last-minute instructions to the participants prior to the ribbon-cutting. Participants include: Ernest Clark (left), J. Steiner, local elder, Mayor John Johnson, E. W. Moore, Houser, and Police Chief Joel Seale.

L. Yeary of Morristown, and C. D. Houser, pastor of the Knoxville district, formed a nucleus of eight members that reopened the Black work in Morristown. C. E. Dudley, president for South Central Conference, reorganized the church in 1977.

These eight members, meeting in rented quarters, began to plan for a new church home.

In April, 1978, the church, by an appropriation from South Central Conference and a construction loan from Morristown Federal began the construction of a new church. C. D. Houser was the contractor and the supervisor of the project. A beautiful church was constructed that can seat 200 people, with provisions for a day-care center.

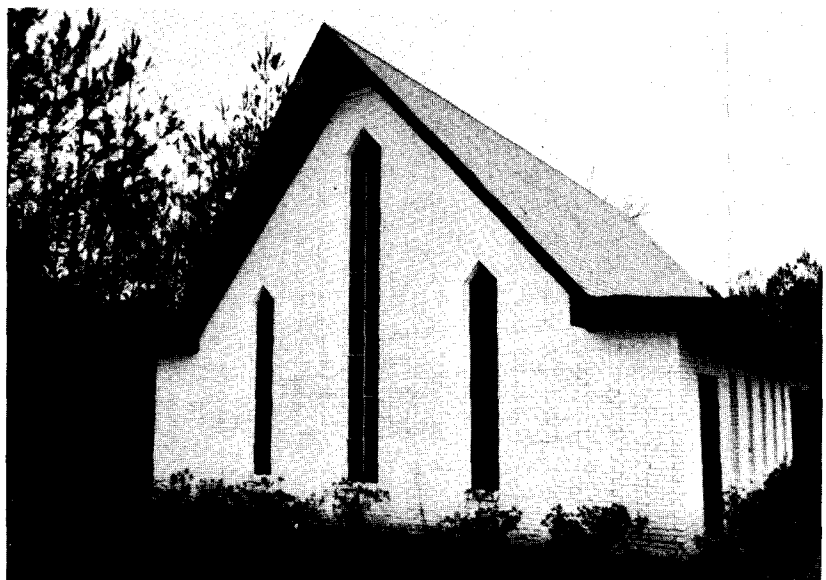
The church, with contents, is valued at \$120,000. However, it was built for about half that amount.

January 6, 1979, the dream became a reality. The church was opened with Mayor John Johnson cutting the ribbon. Joel Seale, the chief of police, took part in the ceremony. E. W. Moore, inner cities director for the Southern Union Conference, was the guest of honor. Jean Keener, loan officer for the Morristown Federal Loan Association, and J. Stines, local elder of the church, were awarded plaques of appreciation.

Jackson Dedicates Church

Alabama-Mississippi — Forty members and friends participated in the dedication service for the Jackson, Alabama, church on January 20. Guest speaker for the occasion was Arl Voorheis, the first pastor and leader in the construction of the church.

In the spring of 1967 a small group of isolated Adventists came together in a branch Sabbath



The Jackson, Alabama, church was dedicated January 20.

school sponsored by the Prichard church. From this nucleus a company was organized in 1967. Two-and-a-half acres of land were donated by relatives of a member and construction began in 1970. In 1971 the group was organized as a church. Present membership is 20.

Others participating in the dedication ceremonies included Conference President W. D. Wampler, Treasurer Tom Evans, present Pastor Gary Ivey, charter member Louise Hudson, and church treasurer Ed Smalley.

The church facility includes a Sabbath school room, kitchen, and fellowship hall, along with the carpeted sanctuary.

Who and Where

Douglasville Layman Honored by Press

Georgia-Cumberland — Eugene Anderson, a member of the Douglasville, Georgia, church, was recently featured in the *Atlanta Journal/Constitution* for turning over his saw company to his employees, in accordance with the Employee Stock Ownership Plan.

Southern Saw Service and its subsidiary, Atlanta Saw Company, sells meat-cutting saws and proc-

essing equipment. It began in Atlanta 50 years ago with two employees. Today there are 250 employees, with customers in 50 states and 44 foreign countries.

Employees own one-third of the company's stock. The average work span for a Southern Saw employee is 14 years.

Anderson has been blessed in the business world and has been a liberal supporter of his church. He's retiring with this charitable act that includes his employees in his prosperity.

110+ Non-SDA Clergy Attend Orlando PREACH Seminar

Florida — Some 110-115 non-SDA clergy from various faiths attended a ministers' seminar on January 15 at Florida Hospital in Orlando.

The seminar was sponsored by *Ministry Magazine* and was the largest gathering to date of non-Adventist clergy for the *Ministry-*

sponsored program, according to W. B. Quigley, P.R.E.A.C.H. coordinator.

Presentations during the one-day meeting included "The Battle over the Bible," by Raoul Dederen, professor of theology at Andrews University; "The Minister and His Health," by Dr. Everet W. Witzel, director of medical education at Florida Hospital; and "Creation, the Evidence from Science," by Harold G. Coffin, professor of paleontology at Andrews University.

Other guests included J. R. Spangler, editor of *Ministry*, and Harold Metcalf, ministerial secretary of the Southern Union.

During the noon hour, reports Vic Zuchowski, Florida Conference ministerial secretary, the group of ministers were provided with a vegetarian lunch.

Since the seminar, one Baptist minister in Orlando has requested Dr. Witzel to make a presentation to the church on healthful living.



Dr. E. W. Witzel speaks at the Orlando P.R.E.A.C.H. seminar.

Eight-Day Revival Wins 20 in Orlando

South Atlantic — January 21-27 was revival time at Orlando-Mt. Sinai church. C. D. Brooks, speaker for the television program "Breath of Life," and field secretary of the General Conference, through the agency of the Holy Spirit baptized 20 precious souls on January 27.

O. H. Paul, pastor of Mt. Sinai, feels that it was not only the ones who needed baptism that were reached and drawn to the Kingdom of Heaven, but also every member who attended the meetings during the week received a great blessing.

The Breath of Life program has been on TV in the Bay area for some months.



Evangelist Don Shelton (left) and Pastor Jim Ferguson (right) stand with the 51 persons who were baptized during the Clarksville crusade.

Colporteurs Help Evangelists Win 51 in Clarksville

Kentucky-Tennessee — Evangelistic meetings held October 28-December 2 in Clarksville, Tennessee, by Kentucky-Tennessee Conference Evangelist Don Shelton experienced a fulfillment of the Lord's plan for cooperation between the literature ministry and the preaching ministry. As a result, the 64-member Clarksville church saw its membership nearly doubled, while several literature evangelists witnessed the baptism of many of their interests from book sales. Of the 51 persons baptized three entire families had their first contact through a literature evangelist.

"Although Pastor Jim Ferguson had been in his new district for only a short time prior to the beginning of the Revelation Lecture Series, the Clarksville church was on fire for God!" states Shelton. Earlier in the year the church board had decided not to have an evangelistic series in Clarksville during 1978. They felt that neither the church nor the city was ready.

Excitement was high as church members invited their friends to the first multimedia presentation of the three angels' messages in Clarksville's history. A television-oriented audience consistently returned night after night to witness the unraveling of Bible prophecy as it was portrayed on three large screens.

As attendance continued to increase, Ferguson appealed to his congregation for help in visitation.

Almost in unison three literature evangelists volunteered their time and talents. Eventually a fourth literature evangelist assisted in the visitation. Here indeed seemed to be a missing link in God's great plan for finishing the work—the uniting of effort by the literature evangelist and the preaching evangelist!

Teams were formed and long hours of door-to-door visitation commenced. With the experience that the literature evangelists had in personal witnessing and getting in homes, they became naturals for cultivating evangelistic interests. Along with helping in visiting, literature evangelists Bruce Miner and Bob Stevens shared their musical talents and Barbara and Tami Goodall shared their winning smiles as they greeted the people at the auditorium each evening.

"The results of the Clarksville meeting were not due to any one person or the amount of money spent," says Shelton. "It was a result of God blessing a team effort by the entire church—literature ministry, lay ministry, and the medical ministry."

"Clarksville has shown what God can do and is willing to do as we press together to finish His work," Ferguson believes. "May more evangelists and pastors yoke-up with the 'Lord's helping hands' found within the church's doors."

Regional Literature Evangelists Report Growth

South Atlantic / South Central — Literature evangelists from the South Atlantic and South Central Conferences were joined by four other regional conferences in Orlando, Florida.

On New Year's Eve, the combined reports of literature sales for 1978 totaled \$2,329,930. This was a \$600,000 increase over the previous year.

When the chairman, T. S. Barber of Chicago, Illinois, called for the reports they were as follows: H. A. Gore, Allegheny West, \$160,000; Silas McClamb, Northeastern, \$220,000; J. W. Hutchinson, South Central, \$267,605.43; T. R. Smith, South Atlantic, \$269,209; R. L. La-

Grone, Allegheny East, \$600,000; and T. S. Barber, Lake Region, \$620,000. Sandy Robinson, of the Publishing Industries at Oakwood College, reported \$203,000.

The goal for 1979 is \$3 million in sales in the six conferences. The lit-

erature evangelists also reported more than 600 souls won and baptized into the church during 1978.

"Canvassers can be the Lord's helping hand, opening doors for the entrance of truth. . . ." — CM, p. 20.



South Central publishing leaders and top salespersons: J. W. and Geneva Hutchinson, Benjamin Cone, S. Ruff, W. Merchant, Olivia Keightly, Robert Carter, L. Rowan.

R. H. Piersons Retire in Carolina

Carolina — At a reception for retiring world president of the Adventist denomination, Robert H. Pierson and Mrs. Pierson were welcomed to North Carolina by Carolina Conference President M. D. Gordon and Mrs. Gordon. Gordon presented a mantle clock about which he remarked, "It chimes every half hour. We trust that each time it strikes you will be reminded of the high regard in which you are held by the people you have served with such unswerving integrity over the years."

The Piersons have recently moved to their new home on a hill-top site three miles from Fletcher Hospital. As a welcome to the community, Dr. Joseph Battistone and his pastoral staff held a reception for the Piersons on January 21 at the Fletcher church fellowship hall. Some 300 were in attendance, including hospital and academy personnel.

At the close of Battistone's remarks he read a letter to the Piersons from Billy Graham, greetings from Congressman Lamar Gudger, and a message from President Carter. In his response, Pierson said that he intended to continue to work for his Lord and his church, even though retired.



M. D. Gordon presents a gift of welcome to Elder and Mrs. R. H. Pierson.



Calendar Events

ALABAMA-MISSISSIPPI

Lay Advisory Committee Retreat — Camp Alamisco, Mar. 9-11.
Amazing Facts Crusade — Sylacauga, Ala., Mar. 24 - Apr. 14. Charles Wheeling, speaker.
Ministers' Meeting — Camp Alamisco, Mar. 25-28.
Adventist Book Center Pre-Inventory Clearance Sale — 6450 Atlanta Hwy., Montgomery, Mar. 25-30. Sunday Open House, March 25, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Bass Memorial Academy Alumni Homecoming — Mar. 30 - Apr. 1. J. H. Whitehead, K. J. Epperson, speakers. Honor Class — 1969.
Pat Patsel Evangelistic Crusade — Fairhope, Ala., Mar. 31 - Apr. 14.
Church School Music Festival — Bass Memorial Academy, Apr. 12-14. D. K. Griffith, W. D. Wampler, speakers.
Dave Merling Prophecy Crusade — Panama City, Fla., Apr. 13 - May 18.

CAROLINA

Conference Area Report/Officers' Meetings
 Asheville — 7:30 p.m., Mar. 9.
 Fletcher — 3 p.m., Mar. 10.
Sylva Church Groundbreaking — Mar. 17.
Franklin School Dedication — Mar. 17.
Myrtle Beach Open House — Mar. 31.
Young Married Couples' Retreat — Nosoca Pines Ranch, Apr. 7.
Mt. Pisgah Academy Homecoming — Apr. 13, 14. Honor classes: 1929, 1954, 1969.
Evangelistic Meetings
 Mar. 17 - Apr. 28 — Bill Waters, Greenville, N.C.
 Mar. 31 - Apr. 28 — Arnold Friedrich, Anderson, S.C.
 Apr. 6 — Bill Stringfellow, Greensboro, N.C.

FLORIDA

Nutrition Seminars — Dr. Agatha Thrash, lecturer.
 Mar. 2-5 Gainesville church
 Mar. 23-25 Sanitarium church, Orlando
 Apr. 27-29 Tampa First church
Community Service Federation Meetings
 Mar. 17 Miami SDA church, 2-5 p.m.
 18 West Palm Beach, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 19 Apopka, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 20 Avon Park, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 21 Tampa First, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 22 Gainesville, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Triennial Conference Session — Forest Lake Academy, Mar. 11, 10 a.m.
ABC Prayer Crusades — Glenn Coon, speaker.
 Bradenton — Mar. 16-24.
 Ft. Lauderdale — Mar. 30 - Apr. 7.
Elementary and Junior Academy Music Festival — Forest Lake Academy, Apr. 26-28. Choral conductor—Dr. Marvin Robertson of SMC; Band conductor—Norman Krogstad.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

Compleat Marriage Seminar — Mar. 15-18. Bowman Hills School Gymnasium, Cleveland, Tenn. 12-hour workshop, six sessions. Nancy and Harry Van Pelt, instructors. Registration the first night at 7 p.m.
Workshop for Nurses — Mar. 28 - Apr. 1. Introduction to reconditioning, hydrotherapy, and proper nutrition. For brochure and application form write immediately to Christine Payne, director of nursing, Wildwood San. & Hosp., Wildwood, GA 30757.
Georgia-Cumberland Academy Alumni Homecoming — Mar. 30, 31. H. R. Bothwell, speaker.
Vacation Bible School Workshops
 Albany — Apr. 7, 4-6 p.m.
 Ooltewah — Apr. 8, 10-12 a.m.
 Greeneville — Apr. 8, 4-6 p.m.
 Macon — Apr. 9, 7-9 p.m.
Georgia Philosda Club Mini-Retreat — Atlanta, Apr. 20-22. Will include a trip to Stone Mountain and Callaway Gardens. Accommodations will be provided for out-of-town guests. For reservations and more information, contact Nancy Reid, (404) 477-5416, or Ricky Shadix, (404) 944-8136.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

Madison Academy Alumni Homecoming — Apr. 6, 7. Honor classes — 1969, 1974.
Belcher, Ky., Church Raising — Apr. 14-16. Volunteer workers contact Jim McConnell, (502) 866-5132, or Rufus Lloyd, (606) 886-9674.

SOUTH ATLANTIC

MV Week of Prayer — Mar. 10-17.
Treasurers' Workshop — Charlotte, N.C., Mar. 16-18.
Sabbath School Workshops
 Kinston, N.C., Mar. 23-25.
 Atlanta, Ga., Mar. 30 - Apr. 1.
MESSAGE Magazine Campaign — Apr. 1-30.
Laymen's Rally — Atlanta Berean, Apr. 21.

SOUTH CENTRAL

Conference Weekend at Oakwood College — Mar. 2, 3.
Tract Evangelism Day — E. C. Ward Tracts, Mar. 3.
H&S Workshop — Mar. 4.
Oakwood College Staff Meeting with Students — Mar. 4.
Community Services Federation — Meridian, Miss., Mar. 10.
Youth Week of Prayer — Mar. 10-17.
Fund Raising A.V. Conference — Mar. 13-15.
L.E. Leadership, Training-Atl. — Mar. 19-21.
Community Service Federation — Montgomery, Mar. 24.
Music — Mar. 24.
Evangelism Offering Day — Mar. 31.
Publishing Rally Day — Louisville, Ky., Mar. 31.
Publishing Leaders' Workshop — Oakwood, Mar. 31.
New Workers' Training School — Nashville, Apr. 2-4.
MV Federation — Apr. 7.
Oakwood Alumni Weekend — Apr. 13-15.

SOUTHERN UNION

Sabbath School Guest Day — Mar. 17.
Community Relations Day — Mar. 17.
Shuler Lectureship Series — SMC, Mar. 19-22.
Academy Music Festival — Forest Lake Academy, Mar. 22-24.
Spring Mission Offering — Mar. 24.
13th Sabbath Offering — South American Division.
Pathfinder Camporee — Cordele, Ga., Apr. 5-8.
International Philosda Club Retreat — Apr. 13-15, Camp Alamisco, Dadeville, Ala. For reservations or more information, contact President Mildred Wagner, (317) 359-1825.

OUT OF UNION

Southwestern Adventist College Homecoming — Apr. 5-8. Banquet Thursday evening. Honor classes: 1929, 1939, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1969.
Oak Park Academy Alumni Weekend — Apr. 13, 14. Honor classes: 1929, 1954, 1969.
The Christian Leadership Seminar for 1979 will combine the Introductory and Advanced Seminars, and will be held Sept. 20-27 at Glacier View Camp in Colorado. Subjects to be emphasized: planning, management by objectives, management of time, decision-making, communication, choice of personnel. No special eligibility requirements for attendance. Write Gloria Bowen, Home Study Institute, Takoma Park, MD 20012, before July 1.
Sandia View Academy Alumni Weekend — Mar. 30, 31. Honor classes: 1949, 1959, 1969. Speaker: C. E. Fillman. Music: "Town Hall Singers." For information or accommodations, contact Earl Adams, principal, P.O. Box 98, Corrales, NM 87048.
Shenandoah Valley Academy Alumni Weekend — Apr. 13, 14. Guest speakers: Dr. George Akers, Ed Reifsnnyder.

sunset table

	Mar. 2	Mar. 9	Mar. 16	Mar. 23	Mar. 30	Apr. 6
Atlanta, Ga.	6:35	6:41	6:46	6:52	6:57	7:02
Charlotte, N.C.	6:19	6:26	6:31	6:37	6:43	6:48
Collegedale, Tenn.	6:37	6:44	6:49	6:55	7:01	7:06
Huntsville, Ala.	5:43	5:49	5:54	6:00	6:05	6:11
Jackson, Miss.	5:59	6:04	6:09	6:14	6:19	6:24
Louisville, Ky.	5:37	5:44	5:51	5:58	6:04	6:10
Memphis, Tenn.	5:56	6:03	6:08	6:14	6:20	6:25
Montgomery, Ala.	5:44	5:49	5:54	5:59	6:04	6:09
Nashville, Tenn.	5:43	5:49	5:55	6:01	6:07	6:13
Orlando, Fla.	6:26	6:30	6:34	6:38	6:42	6:45
Wilmington, N.C.	6:09	6:15	6:20	6:26	6:31	6:36

ANNOUNCEMENT

Musicians who may wish to participate at the 1980 General Conference session in Dallas, Texas, are requested by the General Conference Session Music Committee to use an official card form when applying. This card may be obtained by writing to Music Committee Secretary, Charles L. Brooks, 6840 Eastern Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20012. All application cards when returned must be accompanied by a cassette giving the selections and accompaniment that would be presented at Dallas.

LEGAL NOTICES

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the 22nd regular session (triennial) of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the auditorium on the campus of Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, Georgia, March 25, 1979, at 10:00 a.m. This session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the session. Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each 35 members or major fraction thereof.

Desmond Cummings, President Donald Aalborg, Secretary

GEORGIA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the regular triennial session of the Georgia Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet in the auditorium on the campus of Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, Georgia, March 25, 1979, at 10:00 a.m. The delegates to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are constituents of this corporation.

Desmond Cummings, President H. V. Hendershot, Secretary

THE CUMBERLAND CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that the legal session of The Cumberland Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation, is called to meet in the auditorium on the campus of Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Calhoun, Georgia, March 25, 1979, at 10:00 a.m. The delegates to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are constituents of this corporation.

Desmond Cummings, President H. V. Hendershot, Secretary

CAROLINA CONFERENCE SESSION

Notice is hereby given that the 33rd regular Session of the Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Nosoca Pines Ranch on Sunday, April 1, 1979. The first meeting is called for 10:00 a.m.

The session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the session.

Each church in the conference is entitled to one delegate for its organization and one additional delegate for each 20 members or major fraction thereof.

M. D. Gordon, President W. A. Geary, Secretary

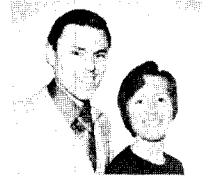
CAROLINA CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

Notice is hereby given that there will be a legal meeting of the Carolina Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Incorporated, under the laws of the state of North Carolina, in connection with the regular session of the Carolina Conference, which will be held at Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, South Carolina.

The first meeting of this Association will convene at 2:00 p.m. April 1, 1979. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and trustees and to transact any other business that may come before the Association at that time. The delegates of the 33rd Session of the Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the delegates of the association meeting.

M. D. Gordon, President A. L. Ingram, Secretary

in transition



On the Move

Carolina

1. **Clarence Simmons** has been named administrator of Fletcher Hospital. He formerly held the same position at the Pike County Hospital, Waverly, Ohio. Mrs. Simmons is a registered nurse and is working toward a degree in nursing. The Simmons have a five-year old son.

Kentucky-Tennessee

2. **Stewart Crook** has been appointed pastor of the Bordeaux church in Nashville, Tennessee, transferring from the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. Crook's wife is the former Shelley Martina Martin from Chattahoochee, Fla.

3. **Ben Davis** has been called from the Chesapeake Conference to serve as the new pastor of the Woodbury, Tenn., district. Davis is married to the former Elsie Rae Pike.

4. **Douglas Knowlton** comes to us from Andrews University to become pastor of the Elizabethtown, Ky., district. He is married to the former Ardyce Soper.

5. **John Loor, Jr.**, formerly pastor of the LeMoore church in Central California, is the new pastor of the Covington, Ky., church. Loor is married to the former Susan Spears of Collegedale.

6. **Ben Steiner** has been called from the Kansas Conference to serve as the new pastor of the Donelson district in Nashville, Tenn. Steiner's wife is the former George Ann Adcock of Joshua, Tex.

Faith for Today

7. **Ronald C. Wiggins** has joined Faith for Today as director of public relations and editor of *Telenotes* magazine. For the last six years he has been the communication and temperance director for the Florida Conference.

Weddings

WHITEHEAD — BECKER

Betty Lou Becker and **Ronald Henson Whitehead** were united in marriage August 27, 1978, in the Ooltewah, Tennessee, SDA church. Father of the bride, A. C. Becker, and J. H. Whitehead, father of the groom, officiated. Both Betty and Ron are graduates of SMC. After a wedding trip to the Bahamas they are residing in Berrien Springs, Michigan. They will be employed in the Carolina Conference upon completion of Ron's studies.

RICHARDS — EDGMON

Judy Marie Edgmon, daughter of Elder and Mrs. D. T. Edgmon, and **Kenneth David Richards, III**, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Richards, II, of Hagerstown, Maryland, joined their lives together in marriage, June 25, 1978, in the Standifer Gap SDA church, Gordon Henderson officiating. The Richards are making their home in Collegedale where Ken is attending SMC.

Classified Ads

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR ADVERTISEMENT: (1) Have a local church elder write "Approved" and his signature on the sheet of paper containing the advertisement. (2) write your name and address on the same sheet. (3) specify how many times the ad is to run. (4) send the approved ad to your conference office and (5) don't forget to enclose payment in full. SOUTHERN TIDINGS does not accept classified advertisements from sources outside the Southern Union Conference, except for requests for personnel at SDA- and ASI-operated health-care institutions.

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY — Must be graduate of secretarial school or have five years executive secretary experience. Should type 60 wpm and take dictation at 80 wpm. Administrative capabilities required. Contact Ken Hoover, Assistant Personnel Director, White Memorial Medical Center, 1720 Brooklyn Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90033. (213) 269-9131, Ext. 1680. (2,3)

SIZZLE BURGER AT BURGER QUEEN in Jellico, Tenn., now serving vegetarian burgers. If you travel I-75 or live in Jellico, be sure to stop at Burger Queen for a burger treat. One block W of I-75, Jellico, TN. (2,3)

LONG-TERM RENTAL (reasonable). Small house across from SDA church in Eden Gardens, Inverness, Fla. Contact W. J. Nicora, 1104 Hixon Ave., Greenville, TN 37743. (615) 639-2533. (2,3)

COME WORK IN THE APPALACHIA, where your talents are needed and used the most. Memorial Hospital urgently needs R.N.'s and X-ray technicians. Contact Personnel Director, Memorial Hospital, Manchester, KY 40962. (606) 598-5104. (2,3)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES, Shady Grove Adventist Hospital. Opening late summer '79 in Gaithersburg, Md. All employment categories. Contact Cory S. Chambers, V.P., Human Resource Development, Washington Health Service Corp., 6011 Executive Blvd., Suite 200, Rockville, MD 20852. (301) 770-5893. (2,3)

REGISTERED NURSES and new graduates, full/part-time positions available all areas; primary care and team nursing. Pay based on education and experience. Excellent educational opportunities. California License or eligible necessary. Loma Linda University Personnel, Loma Linda, CA 92350. (714) 796-7311, Ext. 3928. (2,3)

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SHAWNEE MISSION MEDICAL CENTER, 373-bed Kansas City hospital now accepting applications for ortho. head nurse in spacious 40-bed unit. Must have minimum two years supervisory experience. Excellent salary/benefits, paid relocation expenses. Contact Frank Diehl, Shawnee Mission, KS 66201. (913) 676-2579. (2,3)

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HOME CARE: Need a dedicated woman to live in and help care for a multiple sclerosis patient. Evenings and weekends free. No children, lovely home, light housework, special diet, religious home atmosphere. Write Randy Williams, P.O. Box 755, Collegedale, TN 37315. (3)

CITY OF 60,000 AND NO SDA CHURCH. Wanted: People interested in moving to Gastonia, N.C., to help begin a work there. Also want to know of any interests in Gastonia. Contact: Newell Hammond, Rt. 8, Hwy. 81, Greenville, SC 29611. (3)

SALE: "Spiritual Conflicts of the Last Days"; six full-length sermons on three cassette tapes dealing with background and climax of Armageddon by C. L. White, Mail \$8 to TAPE MINISTRY, Box 841, Kernersville, NC 27284. Tape guaranteed. (3,4)

LIMITED TIME — CASSETTE ALBUM SPECIAL — "Husbands & Wives," eight studies on divine plan for happiness in the family, by W. D. Frazee. Order at \$19.50 from Wildwood Recordings, Wildwood, GA 30757, or ABC Store. (3)

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BLAIR, Robert Wilson, born on Mar. 13, 1941, in Charlotte, N. C., died Nov. 28 at his home in Charlotte, N. C. Blair and his family joined the Adventist Church during an evangelistic campaign conducted in Charlotte by Joseph Hinson in 1968. Before his baptism he came to the tent daily during the workers' meeting offering his services and finding out how he could share his newly found faith. He became chairman of the school board, and later vice-chairman. He was married on March 10, 1963, to Bernice Leak. They had one daughter, Roslyn. Leaving to mourn their loss are his wife Bernice, daughter Roslyn, parents William and Edith Blair, brother Herbert, sister Doris McAdoo, a number of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and a host of friends and other relatives.

BLAKNEY, Mrs. Grace I., died in Tampa, Fla. Graveside services were conducted Dec. 29 in the Garden of Memories, Tampa. She was a member of the Tampa First SDA church and had resided in Tampa for the past 25 years. She is survived by three sons, Louis Royster of Maitland, Fla., Ernest Royster of Albuquerque, N. M., and Jack Blakney of Tampa; two daughters, Mrs. Muri Birdsall of Longwood, Fla., and Mrs. James Armstrong of Brandon, Fla.; two sisters, Mrs. Marian Olfien of Mich. and Mrs. Ruth Durphy of Arizona; 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

CRAIG, Anne Belle, was born in Big Rapids, Mich., on June 19, 1889, and died in Arcadia, Fla., on Dec. 4. She was a member of the Venice-Nokomis SDA church in Nokomis, Fla. There are no survivors.

CRAWFORD, John Arthur, 67, died Dec. 31 in a hospital in Chattanooga, Tenn. He was a native of Raleigh, N.C., residing the past two years in Collegedale. He was a veteran of WW II, serving as Lieutenant Commander of naval aviation and director of the ROTC program on three university campuses. He was manager and flight instructor of the Raleigh, N.C. Municipal Airport. He joined the SDA Church in 1960. Surviving are his wife, Margaret Watkins Crawford; daughter, Catherine Crawford of Collegedale; brother, Walter S. Crawford, Jr., of Havelock, N.C.; two sisters, Mrs. Martha Lambeth of Greensboro, N.C., and Mrs. Evelyn Deans of Orlando, Fla. The service was conducted by Trevor Hoover, assisted by Dan Appel. Interment was at the Collegedale Cemetery.

DARNELL, Franklin A., born June 23, 1931, died Nov. 14 at the Veterans Administration Hospital following several months of declining health. Darnell was a veteran of the Korean War and a former employee of Dixie Furniture Co. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Ann; his mother, Ruby Stiner Darnell; one son, David; three daughters, Sonya Jean, Patricia K., and Lynda Sue and one sister, Mrs. Norwood (Leda) Smith.

DYER, Harlan Leigh, 70, of Forest City, Fla., died Dec. 21. Born in Maine, he moved to Forest City from Washington, D.C., in 1970. He was an accountant and a member of the Altamonte Springs SDA church. Survivors: wife, Althea of Forest City; daughter, Mrs. June E. Rice of Springdale, Ark.; and six grandchildren. Rainey Hooper officiated at the graveside services held at Highland Memory Gardens, Forest City.

EWING, Ralph Parker, Sr., was born April 14, 1900, in Chauncey, Ill., and died Dec. 19 in Avon Park, Fla. He was a member of the Walker Memorial SDA church in Avon Park. He is survived by a son, Ralph Jr., of Avon Park; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Memorial services were held in Avon Park by R. E. DuBose. Interment was in Aurora, Ill.

HUNNICUTT, Chioe M., was born in Ill., on Jan. 22, 1890, and died in St. Petersburg, Fla., on Dec. 19. She was a member of the St. Petersburg SDA church. A son, Julius J. Hunnicutt of Racine, Wis., and a daughter, Mrs. Augusta Foster of St. Petersburg, survive her.

LANNING, Winifred Walker, born 1899, died Dec. 13 in a Henderson County hospital after a long illness. A native of Titusville, Fla., Mrs. Lanning lived in Buncombe County, N.C., for 60 years. She is survived by her son, William, four grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

McCOY, Dolly H., born Feb. 14, 1892, died Oct. 27. She was a native of Brandenburg, Ky. With her late husband, she had moved to Franklin, N.C., in 1962 and attended the Seventh-day Adventist church where she was a member. She was laid to rest by the side of her husband in a Franklin cemetery.

MOUNT, Ann C., 83, of Lake Wales, Fla., died Dec. 5 in Wheaton, Ill., following an extended illness. Born in Stephen, Minn., she had been a resident of Lake Wales for six years, coming from Orlando. She had been living in Wheaton for the past year and was a member of the Lake Wales SDA church. There are no immediate survivors. Funeral services were held in the Nelson Chapel with Robert Kurth officiating. Interment was at the Southern Memorial Park in South Miami.

REAMS, Mrs. Wilma K., 71, of Florida Living Nursing Center in Forest City, Fla., died Dec. 30. She was born in Pittsburgh, Penn. She was a school teacher and a member of the Florida Conference church. Survivors: husband, Carey A. of Orlando; brother, Carl Kissling of Lakeland, Fla.; daughters, Betty Brown of Dallas, Tex., Laverne of Harrison, Ark., and Allena Kirkland of Apopka, Fla.; and son, Eugene of Orlando. Services were held at the Semoran Funeral Home in Altamonte Springs with Stanley Dombrosky officiating. Interment was at Highland Memory Gardens, Forest City.

SCHRADER, Orville G., was born in Corinth, N.Y., Sept. 29, 1891. He died in New Port Richey, Fla., December 25. He was a member of the Clearwater SDA church. There are no immediate survivors. He was laid to rest in the Corinth Rural Cemetery.

SMITH, Vibert J., 84, of Asheville, N.C., died Dec. 22. Smith was a native of Lenoir, N.C. He lived in Asheville for the past 40 years. He was a 25-year member of the Foster Memorial church. He is survived by his wife, Sophia Powell Smith, three sons, two daughters, two stepsons, a sister, 18 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

STEINBACHER, Dr. Carl B., son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Steinbacher of Titusville, Fla., was born May 6, 1944, and died Dec. 30 at Uplands, Calif. He graduated from the Loma Linda School of Medicine in 1970; completed his medical internship and residency in psychiatry at Lackland Air Force Base; was head of the psychiatric department at March Air Force Base; and was at the time of his death on the staff of the Voorman Psychiatric Clinic at Uplands. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife Nancy, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Steinbacher of Titusville, Fla., a sister, Doris Kopko, and many relatives and friends.

WALDROUP, Mary, born July 3, 1904, died Oct. 23. A North Carolina native, she attended the Franklin, N.C., church. Surviving are a son, R. L. Brendle of Cheyenne, Wyo., a sister, Abbie Patterson of Franklin, N.C.; a brother, Charlie C. Shepherd of Candler, N.C.; and three grandchildren.

WATKINS, Raymond M., born in Lafayette, Ind., Feb. 3, 1908, died in Fort Myers, Fla., Dec. 29. A retired receiving clerk for Miller's Department Store, he had lived in Fort Myers for the past 13 years, coming from Sturgis, Mich. He was a member of the Fort Myers SDA church. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lucile F. Watkins of Fort Myers; two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Lawson of Three Rivers, Mich.; and Mrs. Margaret Davenport of Centerville, Mich.; one son, Robert M. Watkins of Houston, Tex.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. The funeral was held at the Harvey Funeral Home chapel, with Phillip A. Parker officiating. Burial was at the Fort Myers Gardens Cemetery.

WILLIAMS, Foy L., born Jan 1, 1901, at Rock Spring, Ga., died Dec. 19 in Franklin, N.C. He was an elder and loyal supporter of the Chattanooga, Tenn., church until his retirement from the National Cemetery where he worked almost 21 years. He then made his home in Franklin, N.C., where he helped build the church and served as an elder. He is survived by his wife, Glenna; a brother, Frank, of Rock Spring; two sisters, Lois Williams and Laura Longley of Collegedale, Tenn., and many relatives and friends. Funeral services were held in the church at Franklin and the interment was in the Williams family plot in Rock Spring.

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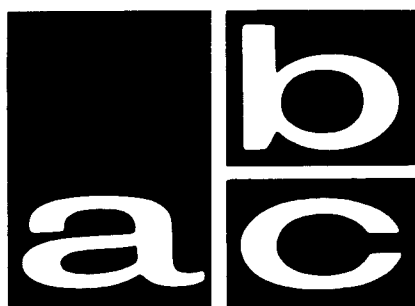
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Baptisms and Membership Growth

It was a good year for soul winning. There was a total of 6,551 additions to the church by baptism and profession of faith. After deducting the losses by death and apostasy, there was a net gain in membership of 4,124, bringing the total to date of 90,292 members in 634 churches. This figure is about double what it was in 1965, when it was approximately 47,000. The baptismal report for our local conferences for 1978 is as follows:

	1978	1977	Gain (Loss)
Alabama-Mississippi	315	269	46
Carolina	459	563	(104)
Florida	1,200	1,330	(130)
Georgia-Cumberland	708	817	(109)
Kentucky-Tennessee	573	479	94
South Atlantic	2,024	1,975	49
South Central	1,272	1,273	1
Total	6,551	6,706	(155)

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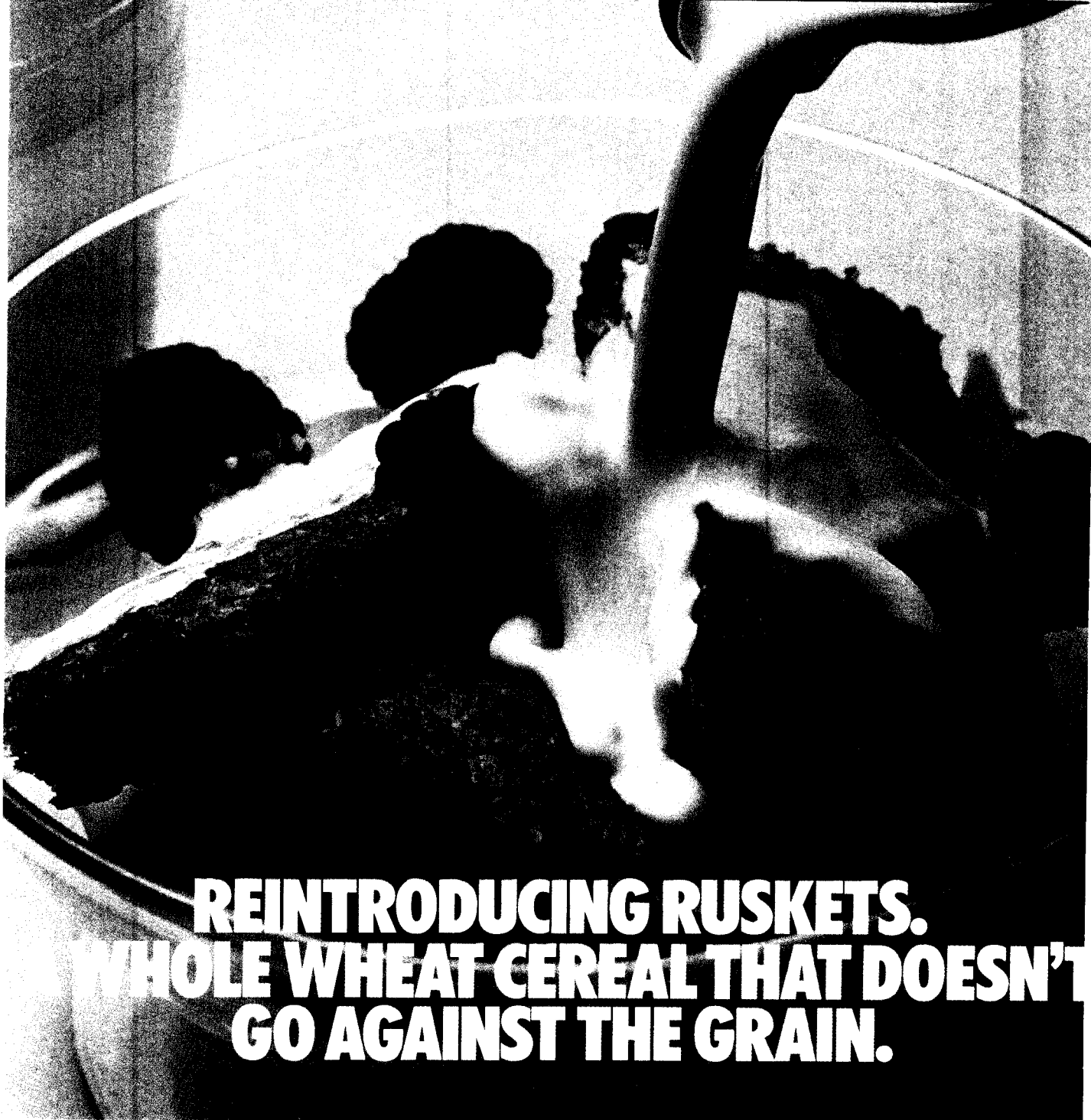
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